

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



Icon of the Synaxis of the Mother of God -- December 26th

December 26, 2010
Sunday after Nativity – David, Joseph and James
Synaxis of the Theotokos

Tone 6

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27 – JANUARY 2

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27 – FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN, PROTOMARTYR

9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

6:00 PM GREAT VESPERS WITH LYTIA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 – CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD; ST. BASIL THE GREAT

9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY OF BASIL

6:00 PM GREAT VESPERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 – SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

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**Remember in your prayers**



Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish, our family and friends who are ailing, are in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to join actively in their community.

Remember especially the following: Katherine Andrus, Sr. Marie Arendes, Susan Avant, Walter & Isabella Bachynsky, Susie Boyko, Sonya Cronin, Helen Davis, Maria Hughes, Natalie, Maria Leskiw, Lesya Loznycky, John Pasichny, Nadia Popov, Orysia Rosul, Peter Rutman, Sonia Shashkewych, and Sophia Skop. Please let Fr. James know if there is anyone else who should be remembered.

***Christ is born! Glorify Him!***

***Христос Раждається! Славіте Його!***

During the celebration of our Lord's Nativity, it is the custom of Eastern Christians to greet one another with the joyous exclamation, "Христос Раждається!" (*Khry-stos Razh-da-yet-sia*) "Christ is born!", to which the one greeted responds, "Славіте Його!" (*Sla-vee-tey Yo-ho*) "Glorify Him!"

**Fast Free Period**

During the twelve days of Christmas, Dec. 25th, through Theophany, Jan. 6th, we do not fast, even on Wednesday and Fridays. A one day fast is observed on January 5th, the Eve of Theophany.

**Remember Those In The Armed Forces**

Let us especially remember in our prayers those family members and friends who are actively serving their countries in the Armed Forces: Mark Belcher, Gratian Fredricks, Carl Haines, Jr., Adrian, Luke and Slavamira Haywas, Oksanna Hirniak, Andrew Hrynkiw, Zenon and Susan Keske, Michael Lopes, Vasyly Lylak, Thomas Orr, Paul Richelmi, Michael Stefanyshyn and Brian Tuthill. Please give any names of those you would like remembered in the Liturgies to Fr. James.



***Let's go Caroling!***

Between December 25 and February 2 we will be organizing visits to parishioners, shut-ins, and nursing homes. If you are interested in participating or you would like to be visited or you know of someone who would like to be visited, please contact Fr. James.



*Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us proclaim the present mystery by which the partition has been broken and the flaming sword withheld: now shall the Cherubim let us all come to the Tree of Life. As for me, I am returning to the bliss of paradise whence I had been driven by the original fall. Behold, the Image of the Father and his immutable Eternity has taken the form of a servant! He has come down to us from a Mother all-pure, and yet He has remained unchanged: He has remained true God as He was before, and has taken on Himself what He had not been, becoming man out of his love for humanity. Wherefore let us raise our voices in hymns and sing: "O God who were born of the Virgin, O our God, have mercy on us."*

*– Vespers for the Nativity*

## House Blessings



It is our custom to have their homes blessed with the holy water sanctified on Theophany (the feast which commemorates the Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan River). If you would like your home blessed, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the back of the church. If you have any questions about house blessings, what is involved, why we bless our homes, etc., please speak with Fr. James.

*The Ukrainian Culture Center of  
Los Angeles Presents*

An afternoon Concert of Traditional  
Ukrainian Christmas Carols performed by the  
Ukrainian National Choir of Los Angeles and  
San Diego – "KOBZAR"  
Conducted by Gregory Hallick-Holutiak  
Saturday January 22, 2011  
3:00 P.M.

**St. John the Baptizer**  
**Ukrainian Catholic Church**  
Join us for the afternoon  
to hear your favorite carols

*Suggested donation of \$15.00 at the door*

**2011 Liturgical Calendars** are available in the hall. Just a reminder, the calendar gives the appointed scriptures readings for each day of the year. Read the scripture daily!

## Ask Father

**Q. What are the Royal Hours? And why are they an important service of Christmas and Theophany?**

A. The Royal Hours combine the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> Hour services into one service which is characterized by special Psalms and hymns, as well as Old Testament, Epistle and Gospel Readings, relating to the upcoming Feast. It was customary during Byzantine times for the Emperor to be in attendance for the entire service, and for this reason it became known as the Royal Hours (*Царські Часи*).

The Royal Hours are an important service of Christmas and Theophany because in the reading of the prophets (Old Testament), apostles (Epistles), and evangelists (Gospels) we see the Nativity of Christ and the Manifestation of God's Divinity (Theophany) in its full Biblical context of expectation, preparation, and fulfillment. No other service more beautifully foretells or proclaims the Lord's salvific coming in the flesh.



## Liturgical Schedule for Theophany

**Wednesday, January 5, 2010**  
**Eve of Theophany**

10:00 AM – Royal Hours  
8:00 PM – «*3 Hmi Boz!*» Great  
Complines with Lytia

**Thursday, January 6, 2010**  
**Theophany of our Lord**

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy with Great  
Blessing of Water  
6:00 PM – Divine Liturgy with Blessing  
of Water



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***The Holy Family Flees to Egypt***

But why was the Christ child sent into Egypt? The text makes this clear: He was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son." From that point onward we see that the hope of salvation would be proclaimed to the whole world. Babylon and Egypt represent the whole world. Even when they were engulfed in ungodliness, God signified that He intended to correct and amend both Babylon and Egypt. God wanted humanity to expect his bounteous gifts the world over. So he called from Babylon the Wise Men and sent to Egypt the Holy Family. Besides what I have said, there is another lesson also to be learned, which tends powerfully toward true self-constraint in us. We are warned from the beginning to look out for temptations and plots. And we see this even when He came in swaddling clothes. Thus you see even at His birth a tyrant raging, a flight ensuing and a departure beyond the border. For it was because of no crime that His family was exiled into the land of Egypt.

Similarly, you yourself need not be troubled if you are suffering countless dangers. Do not expect to be celebrated or crowned promptly for your troubles. Instead you may keep in mind the long-suffering example of the mother of the Child, bearing all things nobly, knowing that such a fugitive life is consistent with the ordering of spiritual things. You are sharing the kind of labor Mary herself shared. So did the Magi. They both were willing to retire secretly in the humiliating role of fugitive.

*Saint John Chrysostom*